

SITUATION REPORT NO. 20
INCIDENT NO. 2002-009
DATE: September 20, 2002 TIME: 2:00 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Severe Summer Storms, Flooding - Severe thunderstorms have produced heavy rain, gusty winds, hail and flooding.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: Thus far, a total of five injuries, due to summer storm activity, have been reported to the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
3. DAMAGES: The Red River Chapter of the American Red Cross (ARC) officials estimate total repair and replacement costs associated for damages resulting from flooding in the City of Park River will now total \$16,000.

On September 20, the level of Devils Lake measured 1,447.13 feet and Stump Lake measured 1,413.63 feet.

4. RESOURCES:

LOCAL: No change from previous reports.

STATE: No change from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: ARC officials reported just one of the original 47 cases opened in Park River remains active.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: The initial meeting of state and federal personnel was held September 16 in the State Emergency Operations Center Conference Room to discuss priorities, planning issues, action plans, and the status of Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs associated with this Presidential Disaster Declaration (FEMA - DR-1431-ND). The incident period, in which eligible damages must have occurred, currently extends from June 8 through August 11.

On September 17, an applicant briefing for the Public Assistance Program was held for representatives of Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. A Public Assistance Kickoff Meeting was also held to discuss eligible damages on a site by site basis.

On September 18, state and local officials conducted an initial assessment of flood damages in Walsh County caused by severe storm activity on August 27-28.

As of September 20, twenty Request for Public Assistance applications have been approved for FEMA-DR-1431-ND.

An applicant briefing for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) will be held for the representatives of local government entities at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 26, at the Grand Forks Police Department Building in the basement classroom. The address is 122 South 5th Street. This briefing is designed to provide information concerning application procedures plus planning, administration and eligibility requirements. An HMGP applicant briefing for officials from the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation will be held during the week of October 1.

Walsh County officials reported that a bridge remains closed in Oakwood Township between sections three and four. A bridge located in the middle of sections five, six, seven, and eight in Acton Township is also closed. One mile of roadway is still closed between section 31 in Grafton Township and section 36 in Fertile Township. These are the only remaining travel impediments caused by heavy rainfall and flooding on August 27-28.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER: Currently, 530 horses have tested positive for West Nile Virus; Divide is the only county in which horses have not tested positive for the virus. Thus far, forty-five birds have tested positive. To date, 10 North Dakota residents have tested positive and the virus has been listed as the probable cause of two deaths.

Appropriate state, local and private entity emergency operations plans and procedures have been implemented.

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